

Costa Rica

Travel to Costa Rica with Central Holidays and uncover the wonders of this vibrant destination on one of our superb vacation packages. From lively cities and lush rainforests to wildlife reserves, majestic volcanoes, and pristine beaches, Costa Rica offers something for every traveler.

Begin your journey in San José, the bustling capital filled with cultural and architectural treasures, diverse restaurants, fascinating museums, and charming parks. Then, soak up the sun along the Pacific coast in Guanacaste, where golden beaches invite you to relax or ride the waves. For adventure seekers, Costa Rica delivers unmatched thrills, fly high on a zip-line above the mystical Monteverde Cloud Forest or hike the trails surrounding the iconic Arenal Volcano. With its incredible diversity and natural beauty, Costa Rica promises an unforgettable escape.



CAPITAL
San José



AREA
19,760 SQ MI



LANGUAGE
Spanish

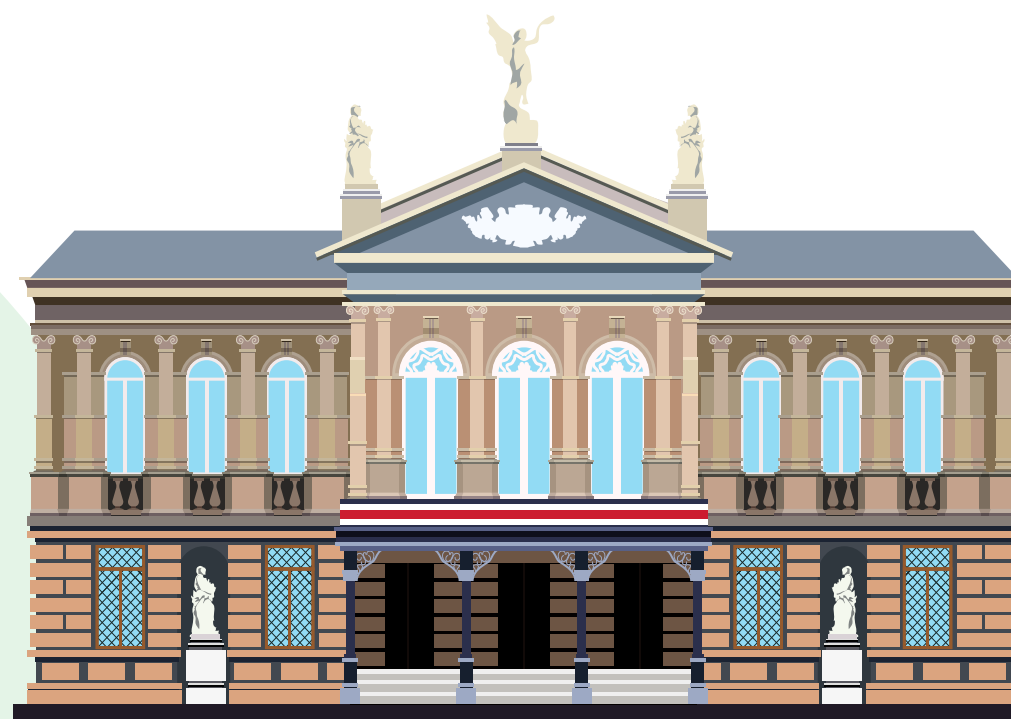


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Arenal Volcano

Arenal Volcano, located in northwestern Costa Rica, is an inactive andesitic stratovolcano that has become one of the country's top destinations. The surrounding area is often called the nation's adventure capital, offering a wealth of adrenaline-filled activities such as hiking, zip-lining, white-water rafting, and hot springs, all set against the dramatic backdrop of the volcano's towering peak.



SAN JOSE

San José (Spanish: [san xo'se], meaning "Saint Joseph") is the capital and largest city of Costa Rica, as well as the capital of San José Province. Situated in the heart of the country, it lies within the Central Valley, in San José Canton, and serves as Costa Rica's cultural, political, and economic center.

Best Times to Visit

The dry season, running from mid-December to April, is the peak time for tourism in Costa Rica. With abundant sunshine and minimal rainfall, it's ideal for exploring rainforests, enjoying outdoor adventures, and relaxing on the country's stunning beaches.

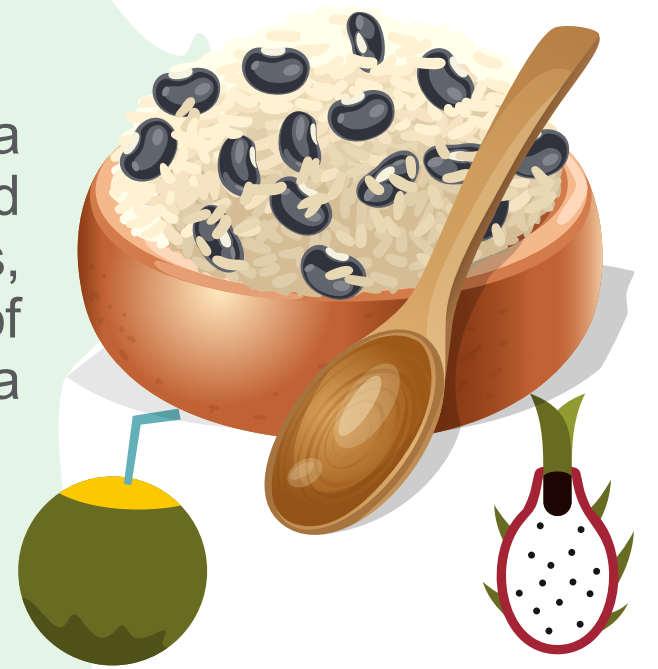


Manuel Antonio National Park

Manuel Antonio National Park is one of Costa Rica's most beloved destinations, offering the perfect blend of rainforest, beaches, and wildlife. Visitors can explore lush jungle trails teeming with monkeys, sloths, iguanas, and tropical birds, all while enjoying breathtaking ocean views. It's a compact yet biodiverse paradise that showcases the very best of Costa Rica's natural beauty.

Food and drink

Costa Rica's most traditional dish is gallo pinto, a flavorful mix of rice and black beans often enjoyed at breakfast. It's typically paired with eggs, tortillas, and plantains, and accompanied by a fresh cup of Costa Rican coffee or natural fruit juice, making it a staple of the local dining experience.



Hot Springs

In the Arenal region, visitors can experience Costa Rica's largest network of naturally flowing thermal mineral springs, set within one of the area's most beautiful private rainforest reserves. These soothing waters, enriched with minerals, offer both relaxation and a unique way to enjoy the surrounding natural beauty.

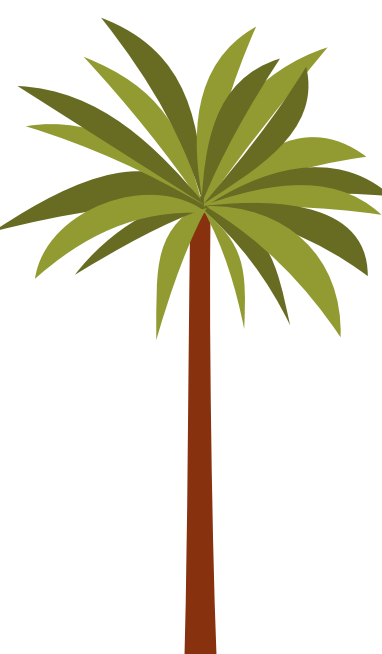
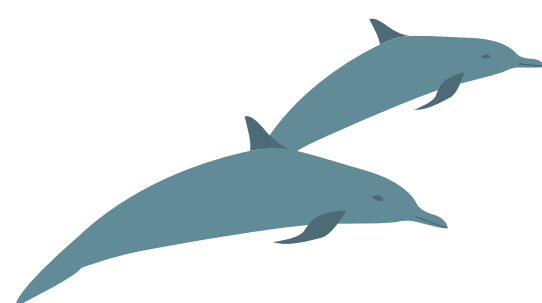


Tamarindo Beach

Tamarindo Beach is one of Costa Rica's most popular coastal hot spots, known for its golden sands, lively surf, and vibrant atmosphere. The surrounding area offers plenty to explore, from world-class surfing and sport fishing to nature tours, dining, and nightlife, making it a favorite destination for both adventure seekers and those looking to unwind by the ocean.

Monteverde

Monteverde is a true birdwatcher's paradise, attracting nature lovers from around the world. The region is home to countless migratory species and boasts the highest number of orchid varieties on the planet. Its lush cloud forests provide an enchanting setting for spotting rare wildlife and experiencing Costa Rica's incredible biodiversity.



Dance Tidbits

Costa Rica has its own distinctive dance style known as swing criollo, a lively partner dance derived from the swing dances of the United States but infused with local flair. It has become a popular social dance across the country, reflecting Costa Rica's talent for blending global influences with its own cultural identity.

